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1. On 25 September 1950, it was learned that the Halberstadt (M 52/D 27) labor office had been ordered to nominate immediately ten men and ten women for service with the Transportpolizei (Transportation Police).
2. On 8 October, it was learned that since about the beginning of September, one minors have been signed up for VP service and that labor offices have stepped up their efforts to recruit now personnel for work with the Wismut Corporation.
3. On 22 October, it was learned that the labor office in Genthin (M 53/Z 03) discontinued assignment of men from 18 to 35 years old for harvesting work, allegedly because these age groups were soon to be otherwise employed.
4. In late October and early November many police in East Berlin were given notice of discharge effective 31 December. All policemen who had been held as prisoners of war by the Western Powers during or after the war were affected.
5. On 1 November, a Soviet major, two Soviet lieutenants, and two VP officers called on an ex-tank sergeant in his apartment in Oststock (M 55/O 81) to sign him up for VP service. The major stated that all 18 and 19-year-olds would soon be inducted and that the Volkspolizei was in need of specialized instructors. The ex-sergeant was promised 350 DM east monthly. He was listed among 14 other men who were being contacted by the officer commission for the same purpose.

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